

RESPONSIBILITIES, ETHICS AND LIMITS OF AUTHORITY

The Board of Education is the governing body of the Regional No. 7 School District and derives its power and exists under the Constitution and General Statutes of the State of Connecticut and the procedures of the Connecticut State Board of Education. The Board has the power and responsibility to discharge any duty imposed by law upon it or upon the district of which it is the Board of Education.

As the Board of Education is the unit of authority, board members, apart from their function as part of the unit, have no individual authority. The board member does not represent a factional segment of the community, but is rather a part of the body, which represents and acts for the community as a whole.

Board members shall comply with laws regarding conflict of interest and attempt to avoid situations which might have even the appearance of a conflict. Individually the Board member may not commit the district to any policy, act or expenditure. The board member is prohibited from doing business with the school district and from having an interest in any contract with the school district in general.

Any complaint or allegation of a violation of this policy first shall be made to the Board member involved. If there is a lack of resolution, a complaint in writing shall be made to the Chair of the Board or, if appropriate, to the Vice-Chair of the Board; the Board shall then take appropriate action with regard to any such complaint.

In order to assure that its operations support the schools in providing all students with a high quality education, the Board of Education hereby establishes as its goals:

1. to work closely with the community to ensure that Board actions and performance reflect the concerns and aspirations of the community;
2. to identify the educational needs and aspirations of the community, and to transform such needs and aspirations into policies aimed at stimulating the students and the learning process;
3. to communicate the educational programs to the people of the community;
4. to provide leadership in order that the goals and objectives of the school system, as set forth by the Board, can be effectively carried out;

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5. to employ a Superintendent capable of ensuring that the district maintains a position as an outstanding school system and that school personnel carry out the policies of the Board with energy and dedication;
6. to formulate Board policies which best serve the educational interests of students and provide the Superintendent with sufficient and adequate guidelines for implementation;
7. to develop and provide data useful to the planning evaluation, organization and execution of Board management functions;
8. to perform all Board functions and operations in conformity with state, federal and local laws, rules, and regulations;
9. to evaluate the Board's performance in relation to these goals, and to establish and clarify policies based upon the results of such evaluation; and
10. to adopt an annual budget.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
1-200 Definitions
Role of the Board and Its Members
10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education
10-220 Duties of boards of education.
10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules
10-232 Restrictions on employment of relations of the members of the board of education
10-240 Control of schools
10-241 Powers of school districts
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